SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

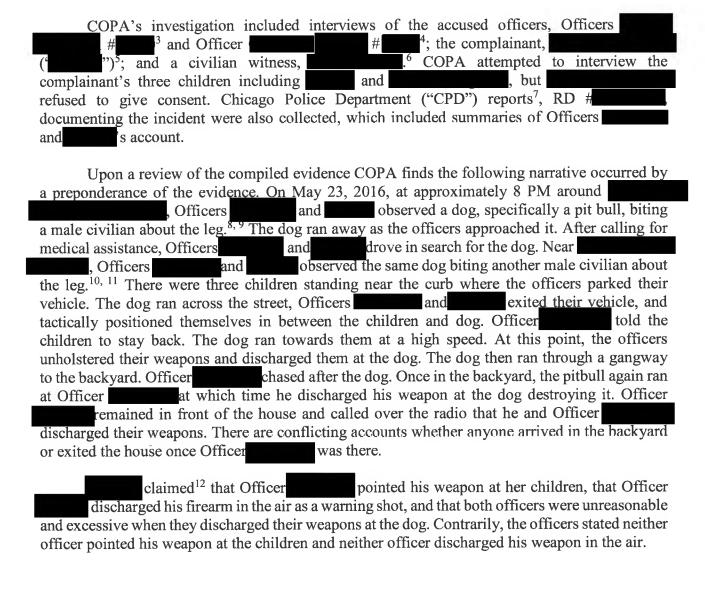
Date/Time/Location of Incident: May 23, 2016/8 PM/ Date/Time of COPA Notification: May 24, 2016/9:37 PM , Employee ID # Involved Officer #1: , Star # Date of Appointment: , 2015, Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: , DOB: , 1993, Male, White ; Employee ID # Involved Officer #2: Date of Appointment: 1997, Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: , DOB: , 1963, Male, Black , Juvenile, Male, Black Involved Individual #1: Involved Individual #2: Juvenile, Female, Black Dog Involved Individual #3: Unnecessary Display of Weapon and Destruction of Case Type: Animal

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer #	1. Unnecessarily pointed his weapon at	Not Sustained
Officer#	2. Unnecessarily pointed his weapon at	Not Sustained
	3. Unreasonably used deadly force when he discharged his firearm at a dog.	Unfounded
	1. Discharged his firearm in the air as a warning shot.	Not Sustained
	2. Unreasonably used deadly force when he discharged his firearm at a dog.	Unfounded

¹ On September 15, 2017, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) replaced the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) as the civilian oversight agency of the Chicago Police Department. Therefore, this investigation, which began under IPRA, was transferred to COPA on September 15, 2017, and the recommendation(s) set forth herein are the recommendation(s) of COPA.

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE²



²COPA conducted a full and complete investigation of this matter, including the interview of all pertinent civilian and officer witnesses, and the collection and review of digital, documentary, and forensic evidence. As part of COPA's ongoing efforts to increase case closure capacity, certain cases opened under IPRA are summarized more succinctly in a Modified Summary Report of Investigation, pursuant to COPA Guideline Modified Summary Report of Investigation Template and Approvals, effective February 13, 2019.

³ Attachment 52

⁴ Attachment 61

⁵ Attachment 11

⁶ Attachments 29 and 33

⁷ Attachment 19

⁸ See Attachment 12 (OEMC Event Ouery)

⁹ See Attachments 32 and 34 (Chicago Fire Department reports state the civilian was bit on his right foot).

¹⁰ See Attachment 12

¹¹ See Attachments 32 and 34 (Chicago Fire Department reports state the civilian was bit on his right ankle and calf).

¹² Attachments 11 and 40

III. LEGAL STANDARD

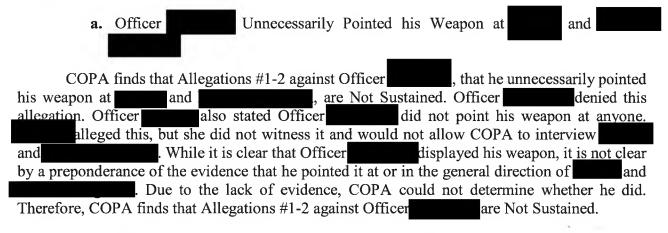
For each Allegation COPA must make one of the following findings:

- 1. <u>Sustained</u> where it is determined the allegation is supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
- 2. <u>Not Sustained</u> where it is determined there is insufficient evidence to prove the allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- 3. <u>Unfounded</u> where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that an allegation is false or not factual; or
- 4. <u>Exonerated</u> where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that the conduct described in the allegation occurred, but it is lawful and proper.

A preponderance of evidence can be described as evidence indicating that it is more likely than not that the conduct occurred and violated Department policy. See Avery v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., 216 Ill. 2d 100, 191 (2005), (a proposition is proved by a preponderance of the evidence when it has found to be more probably true than not). If the evidence gathered in an investigation establishes that it is more likely that the misconduct occurred, even if by a narrow margin, then the preponderance of the evidence standard is met.

Clear and convincing evidence is a higher standard than a preponderance of the evidence but lower than the "beyond-a-reasonable doubt" standard required to convict a person of a criminal offense. See e.g., People v. Coan, 2016 IL App (2d) 151036 (2016). Clear and Convincing can be defined as a "degree of proof, which, considering all the evidence in the case, produces the firm and abiding belief that it is highly probable that the proposition . . . is true." Id. at ¶ 28.

IV. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION



b. Discharged his firearm in the air as a warning shot

CIVILIAN OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

COPA finds Allegation #1 against Officer that he discharged his firearm in the air as a warning shot to be Not Sustained. Officer denied this allegation. There is no additional
evidence or available information to corroborate or refute anyone's statements. While it is clear
that Officer discharged his weapon during the incident, it is not clear by a preponderance
of the evidence if he discharged it in the air. Therefore, COPA finds Allegation #1 against Officer
is Not Sustained.
c. Use of Deadly Force when Officers And Discharged their
Firearms at the Dog
COPA finds Allegation #3 against Officer and Allegation #2 against Officer
that they unreasonably used deadly force when they discharged their firearm at a dog to
be Unfounded. The dog was a threat since it charged at the officers after it caused physical injury
to two individuals. Based on the totality of the circumstances, it was reasonable to destroy the dog
before it could harm anyone else.
Approved:
3-25-19
Date
Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator
Deputy Citics Authorition Citics investigation

4

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

Squad#:	
Investigator:	
Supervising Investigator:	
Deputy Chief Administrator:	

	•	